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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1886.

TOWN CLERK.—JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN.

CLARENCE H. PARKER, DAVID R. DEAN,
LEWIS N. HASKELL.

ASSESSORS.

DAVID R. DEAN, LEWIS N. HASKELL,
SANFORD H. BULLARD.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

PAGE AUSTIN, JAMES C. SARGENT, A. J. HOLDEN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JESSE ALLEN, LEONARD LOVELL, HENRY P. AUSTIN.

COLLECTOR AND TREASURER.—LEONARD P. LOVELL.

CONSTABLES.

CARLOS P. HILL, CLARENCE H. PARKER.

AUDITOR.—WALTER M. ROBINSON.

OAKHAM TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as Memorial Hall, on Monday, the seventh day of March, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Art. 5. To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, nominated by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To determine the manner of repairing highways the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell, the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 10. To bring in their ballot "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question : "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?"

Art. 11. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and team in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

Art. 13. To determine the manner of supporting paupers the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps in the Center Village and in Coldbrook Village the ensuing year, or take any vote relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will erect and maintain any watering places, or pass any vote thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will grant to the Oakham Farmers and Mechanics' Club the use of the town common and town halls for their Exhibition in September, next.

Art. 17. To see if the town will paint Memorial hall building, or pass any vote thereon.

Art. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to disposing of their stock in the Central Massachusetts Railroad, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices and one at the Congregational Meeting House in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of the warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,	} Selectmen of Oakham.
DAVID R. DEAN,	
LEWIS N. HASKELL,	

A true copy attest:	}
CARLOS P. HILL, Constable.	

Report of the Selectmen.

To the Citizens of Oakham: Your Selectmen submit the following as their Report for the year ending March 1st, 1887:

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	\$17 55	
“ “ express and postage,	3 81	\$21 36

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	\$40 00	\$40 00
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TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	\$10 00	
“ “ postage, express and stationery,	6 87	\$16 87

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services,	\$68 38	\$68 38
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SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services,	\$45 00	\$45 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid School Committee for services,	\$107 90	\$107 90
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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of the Poor,	\$1,202 94	\$1,202 94
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BREAKING ROADS.

Paid E. S. Parker,	\$6 83	
G. W. Stone,	3 44	
Elbridge Mullett,	4 49	
William O. Keep,	9 90	
Michael Gaffany,	5 55	
Peter White,	5 95	
Lewis N. Haskell.	3 00	
H. D. Bullard,	98	
W. H. Nye,	4 85	\$44 99

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid William O. Keep,	\$56 00	
Elbridge Mullett,	54 65	
Cheney Bothwell,	54 60	
E. F. Parmenter	55 05	
James Tomlinson,	49 12	
William A. Nye,	54 05	
H. D. Bullard,	41 18	
Sylvester Haskell,	52 00	
D. M. Parker,	54 61	
J. E. Stone,	55 17	
S. H. Bullard,	56 35	
Michael Gaffany,	53 80	
S. J. Foster,	51 85	
Mason S. Dean,	49 35	
John Gaffany,	6 00	
Peter White,	41 25	\$785 03

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for Center District,	\$468 10	
Coldbrook District,	350 50	
West District,	277 55	
South “	186 95	
East “	68 20	
school books and stationery,	291 26	
H. W. Lincoln, transporting scholars,	27 00	
E. S. Parker. “ “	11 00	\$1,681 06

STATE AID.

Paid E. Mullet, guardian of Charlotte Mullet,	\$48 00	
Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
Harriet V. Parmenter,	48 00	\$144 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid abatement of taxes,	\$10 58	
lamps for hall,	5 50	
repairs on school houses,	1 25	
Wm. M. Thompson ringing bell,	36 00	
G. M. Dean Memorial day,	20 00	
Maynard, Gough & Co. printing,	19 25	
Geo. Tyler repairs on scraper,	18 75	
J. L. Cochran “ “	3 50	
Daniel M. Parker lumber for cemetery fence,	18 64	

Paid James Packard labor and material for fence,	12	84	
David R. Dean erecting watering trough,	26	07	
A. J. Holden lighting street lamps.	23	04	
note Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	3,500	00	
county tax,	261	00	
state tax,	285	00	
E. L. Sawyer certificates of deaths,	6	75	
discount on taxes,	194	91	
J. Butterfield care street lamps,	18	00	
C. H. Parker oil for " "	7	00	
James Packard services as sexton,	24	50	
A. J. Holden care Memorial Hall,	10	00	
A. J. Holden, repairs on Memorial Hall,	4	25	
interest on note to Commonwealth,	910	00	\$5,416 83

SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER.

L. P. LOVELL, TREASURER,	Dr.	
To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1887,	\$2,515	24
cash for wood,	1	50
“ use of Memorial Hall,	15	00
cash received of H. P. Austin, guardian of Benjamin Nurse,	49	87
cash from sale of school books, 1886,	4	60
“ “ People's Savings Bank,	1,216	95
“ “ burial of state paupers,	10	00
“ borrowed of Commonwealth,	1,500	00
“ from corporation tax,	15	51
“ “ national bank tax,	9	80
“ “ state aid,	144	00
“ “ dog fund,	107	46
“ “ school fund,	308	26
“ “ sale of school books, 1887,	4	49
“ “ “ grass on common,	6	00
state tax,	285	00
county tax,	261	00
town grant,	5,020	00
overlayings,	56	87
interest on taxes,	40	69
	\$11,572	24

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By Selectmen's Orders,	\$9,574	36
Balance in treasury,	\$1,997	88

Uncollected taxes, for 1885,	\$108 74	
" " 1886,	1429 15	
Cash on hand,	459 99	\$1,997 88
Indebtedness of the Town to the Commonwealth,		\$12,000 00

Respectfully Submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,	}	Selectmen
DAVID R. DEAN,		of
LEWIS N. HASKELL,		Oakham.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, and Treasurer, for the year ending March 1st, 1887, and find them correct.

WALTER M. ROBINSON, AUDITOR.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

OF THE TOWN OF OAKHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1st, 1887.

The board of the Overseers of the Poor herewith respectfully presents its annual report for the year ending January 1st, 1887.

The system of aiding the poor has been continued as formerly. At the present time we have six persons receiving full support and six partial or temporary relief. The mental and physical condition of our poor is, we think, without a parallel. Two are insane, one is idiotic, one is suffering from old age, and two are crippled, one being entirely helpless and kindly cared for; for his care and board we are paying four dollars per week.

Received of town for support of the poor Apr. 1, 1886,	\$264 45.
Received of L. P. Lovell,	10 00.
Received of H. P. Austin, guardian of B. Nurse,	10 13.

\$284 58.

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for board, custody and treatment of Eunice M. Walker,	\$41 79.
rubbers, 40; thread, 10,	50.
same for board, custody and treatment of Benjamin Nurse,	41 79.
slippers, 85; collars, 20; overcoat, 10.00,	11 05.
Susan M. Thresher for Lyman P. Crawford,	35 75.
“ “ “ Lydia Chamberlain,	26 00.
medicine,	1 10.
Zebina Winslow for Rasselas Winslow,	39 00.
James C. Sargeant, self and team to Spencer,	2 25
“ “ keeping two tramps,	1 50
Page Austin, keeping two tramps, journey to Spencer,	2 50
Overseers, postage, and stationery from Jan. 1, 1885 to Apr. 1, 1886,	1 50
Dr. E. L. Sawyer, medical attendance,	19 00
for the family of Daniel Rogers, Boston,	19 10
for clothing for the poor,	10 00
for Mrs. John Bartlett and child, Spencer,	21 75
James Packard, coffin for H. Drury, tramp,	10 00

\$284 58

Received of the town for support of poor, July 1, 1886,	\$225 56
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Paid as follows:

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for board, custody and treatment of Eunice M. Walker,	42 25.
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Paid same for board, treatment and custody of Benjamin Nurse,	42 25
collars, 20 ; 2 bosom shirts, 1.50 ; 3 pair socks, 60 ; neck bow, 25,	2 35
Alanson Prouty for clothing, etc.,	5 93
Dr. E. L. Sawyer for medicine,	1 75
James Packard for burying Horace Drury,	3 00
C. H. Parker for aid given Mrs. Hannah E. Mundell and child,	11 58
Susan M. Thresher for care and board of Lyman P. Crawford,	39 00
Susan M. Thresher for Lydia Chamberlain, sewing and medicine,	26 00
Zebina Winslow for care and board of Rasselas Winslow, etc.,	5 75
Zebina Winslow for Lyman P. Crawford,	39 50
	6 00
	\$225 56
Received of the town for support of the poor from July 1 to Oct. 1, 1886,	\$291 95
Paid State Lunatic Hospital for board, custody and treatment of Eunice M. Walker	42 71
same for board, custody and treatment of Benjamin Nurse,	42 71
thin shirt, 1.00 ; collars, 20 ; postage, 8,	1 28
Dr. E. L. Sawyer for medical attendance on Ambrose P. Hall,	22 00
Fred Hall for care of Ambrose P. Hall, seven days while sick,	7 00
Dr. E. L. Sawyer for medical attendance on Rasselas Winslow,	12 25
Zebina Winslow for Rasselas Winslow,	39 00
Dr. Spencer for medical attendance on Mrs. Hannah E. Mundell,	32 00
City of Boston for Daniel Rogers,	8 50
Susan M. Thresher for care and board of Lyman P. Crawford,	34 50
Susan M. Thresher for care of Lydia Chamberlain,	26 00
“ “ “ Moses Bartlett,	16 00
Overseers, journey to Petersham,	2 00
“ “ Hubbardston,	2 00
“ “ Rutland,	1 00
“ “ Spencer,	1 00
for Record Book,	2 00
	\$291 95

Received of Town for support of poor, Jan. 1, 1887,	\$400 98
“ “ “ “ Feb. 5, 1887,	20 00
	\$420 98

Paid as follows :

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for Eunice M. Walker, from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31,	\$42 71
2 undervests 90, 2 pair hose 75, 2 flannel skirts 1.80	3 45
6 handkerchiefs 60, 5 yards cotton 35, slippers 1.00	1 95
boots,	2 00
same, for board, custody and treatment of Benjamin Nurse, 13 1-7 weeks,	42 71
collar 20, suit 12.50, postage 06,	12 76
hat 1.25, necktie 25, shoes 2.10, suspenders 25,	3 85
Alanson Prouty, sundry supplies,	12 42
Dr. E. L. Sawyer, professional services for poor,	25 50
Susan M. Thresher for Lyman Crawford,	39 00
“ “ Lydia Chamberlain,	26 00
“ “ Moses Bartlett,	25 72
“ “ sewing, medicine, etc.,	3 41
Zebina Winslow, for Rasselas Winslow,	52 50
William Mundall, for Almira Woodis,	26 00
A. J. Holden, 2 1-2 mos. rent for Almira Woodis,	2 50
Town of Spencer, care, board, and burial expenses of William P. Tucker,	68 00
“ “ aid given Mrs. John Bartlett,	1 25
Overseers for ordinary services,	20 00
“ for keeping 9 tramps,	6 75
for pants for R. Winslow,	2 50
	\$420 98

Received of the Town,	1,202 94
“ L. P. Lovell,	10 00
“ H. P. Austin, guardian of B. Nurse,	10 00

Total amount of receipts, \$1,222 94

Due the Town for aid given Mrs. Hannah Mandell and child, \$43 58

All of which is respectfully submitted,

PAGE AUSTIN, } Overseers
A. J. HOLDEN, } of the Poor.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1886.

BIRTHS.

Jan.	12	Daughter to	George E. Thresher.
March	8	Son to	Albert H. Matthews.
"	13	Daughter to	Napoleon Pluff.
"	17	Son to	Arthur L. Loring.
April	1	Daughter to	Horace M. Green.
May	4	Son to	Charles B. Caldwell.
"	13	Son to	John Saunders.
"	15	Son to	George N. Briggs.
June	20	Daughter to	Horace W. Lincoln.
July	13	Son to	R. J. Brooks.
Sept.	1	Daughter to	Frank R. Weld.
"	11	Daughter to	James W. Bemis.
Nov.	9	Son to	John Haire.
Dec.	23	Daughter to	Sanford H. Bullard.
TOTAL, 14.			

MARRIAGES.

March	10	Frank E. Burt	to	Lily M. Robinson.
April	21	Mason S. Dean	"	Julia M. Marsh.
Sept.	1	Samuel C. Cochran	"	Mattie I. Dean.
Oct.	6	Patrick H. Twohy	"	Mary E. Sheern.
TOTAL, 4.				

DEATHS.

			YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan.	6	Albert H. Holman,	15	4	25
"	15	Alvira Campbell,	55	9	2
March	6	James C. Sargeant,	48	10	16
"	14	Horace Drury,	65		
"	26	John L. Smith,	54	4	2
May	24	Susanna Sargeant,	77		5
"	24	Roena Crawford,	89	3	23
June	10	Nelson Haskell,	88	2	22
Aug.	17	Mary Tobin,	67		
"	22	William L. Robinson,	51	8	22
Oct.	13	Julia A. Clark,	42	6	26
"	25	Stephen Lincoln,	93	10	26
Nov.	1	Martha J. Gibson,	47	10	6
"	7	Sarah M. Howe,	98	11	29
Dec.	1	Elijah C. Dean,	56	11	
"	17	James P. Gaffney,	20		
TOTAL, 16.					

BURIED IN TOWN.

			YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Dec.	1885 9	Eleanor Williams,	62		
March	1886 2	Sarah E. Wilder,	29	1	2
May	19	Maria A. Thompson,	59	7	22
"	23	Ezra Maynard,	82	6	
July	16	Arthur S. Wilder,	1	6	10
Oct.	10	A. E. Rumrill,	59		
"	28	Carrie M. Loring,	50	4	13
Nov.	2	Wm. P. Tucker,	52		
Dec.	25	Sabin A. Morse,	36		
TOTAL, 9.					

JESSE ALLEN, Town Clerk.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In conforming with the laws of the Commonwealth, your Committee submit the following report :

The town raised and appropriated for the support of schools the past year the sum of \$850.00. We also received from the State School Fund \$308.26. Also from dog tax fund \$107.46. Making a total for support of schools of \$1265.72.

The expenses of the several schools are as follows :

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid W. L. Goodspeed, spring term, 10 weeks,	\$50 00
Etta Bullard, fall term, 9 weeks,	49 50
W. L. Goodspeed, winter term, 11 weeks,	71 50
fuel and care of house,	13 70
	\$184 70

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid M. A. Griffon, spring term, 9 weeks,	\$72 00
fall term, 10 weeks,	80 00
winter term, 11 weeks,	88 00
fuel and care of house,	18 00
	\$258 00

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid J. H. Orzina Lovell, spring term, 12 weeks,	\$66 00
fall term, 8 weeks,	48 00
winter term, 8 weeks,	52 00
fuel and care of house,	18 50
	\$184 50

CENTER SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Mrs. Minnie L. Woodis, fall term, 10 weeks,	\$60 00
winter term, 11 wks	71 50
	\$131 50

CENTER SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Florence I. Sargeant, spring term, 9 weeks,	\$81 00
fall term, 10 weeks,	80 00
winter term, 11 weeks	88 00
care of house,	15 55
fuel,	57 50
	\$453 55

Total expenses of teachers, care of houses and fuel, \$1,080 75

Repairs on school houses.

South—Paid Dwight Bullard,	.25
Center—Paid on black boards,	2 90

The East Hill school has been discontinued for the year, and we have paid, as by vote of the town, \$11.00 to E. S. Parker for transportation of children.

Report on school text-books is as follows :

Total cash value of school books and school supplies belonging to the town April 1, 1886, was \$236.75, beside the books and supplies in the different school houses.

Bought during the year.

Boston School Supply,	\$6 60
Cowperthwait & Co.,	34 85
Chas. H. Whiting,	21 72
F. S. Conant,	2 69
C. H. Parker,	1 00
	\$66 86

Of the above expense \$30.50 was caused by exchange of geographies, and we have 16 new books on hand worth, at 80 cents apiece, (cost) \$12.50. That taken from \$30.50 leaves \$17.70 as the actual cost of changing our supply of old geographies in all our schools for new.

School supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1887, amounted to \$203.33, \$33.42 less than last year to commence the new year with. This added to \$66.86 gives \$100.28, as the actual cost of school supplies for the past year.

We do not know of any needed change in our school books, unless it be of grammars. We are all out of Raub's grammars, and the book is not entirely satisfactory. The expense of exchange in the end will not be much greater than to supply Raub's grammar, at prices now asked for them.

We have employed Mr. F. S. Conant to take charge of the school supplies during the past year, at an expense of \$11.63.

Total expense of teachers, fuel, school supplies, etc., \$1,188.16.

Due School Committee for services the past year.

Jesse Allen,	\$35 50
H. P. Austin,	10 00
L. P. Lovell,	27 00

We believe the usefulness of School Committee will be greatly enhanced if their work is divided, and each Committee have sole charge of one or more schools. We have adopted that method the past year, in part, and wish to try it more fully the coming year. We think the schools have generally been very successful, and much good work has been done by both teachers and scholars. We would especially commend what has been done by the teachers and scholars of our schools, in procuring, by their own efforts, many articles for the school room, which will be both useful and ornamental.

During the spring term the Center schools were united, with an average attendance of only 34. It may not always be practicable, but when it can be done without injury to the schools, quite a saving may be made.

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows :

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number of scholars,	20	Average attendance,	15
Fall " " " "	22	" "	16
Winter " " " "	15	" "	12

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number of scholars,	29	Average attendance,	26
Fall " " " "	35	" "	29
Winter " " " "	32	" "	29

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring term, whole number of scholars,	18	Average attendance,	15
Fall and Winter terms, whole number of scholars,	22	" "	14

CENTER—No. 1.

Spring term, schools united, whole num- ber of scholars,	44	Average attendance,	34
Fall term, whole number of scholars,	34	" "	28
Winter " " " "	27	" "	22

CENTER—No. 2.

Fall term, whole number of scholars,	22	Average attendance,	20
Winter " " " "	26	" "	20

The attendance in all the schools has been as follows :

Spring term, whole number,	111	Average attendance,	90
Fall " " "	135	" "	115
Winter " " "	122	" "	97

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy :

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—M. Adelle Parker, Alonzo M. Butterfield, Virgil Parker, Henry W. Butterfield, Gilbert T. Butterfield, Ruth E. Butterfield. Two TERMS—Ida F. Needham, C. Edgar Brooks, Bertha I. Luce. ONE TERM—Blanche M. Caldwell, H. Morton Brooks, C. Frank Caldwell, Ethel Barr, Mary Butterfield, Fred Rice, Edward L. Needham, Herbert Needham.

CENTER SCHOOLS.

THREE TERMS—Bertha C. Lovell. Two TERMS—Lena Adams, Eldora E. Sargeant, Lizzie M. Briggs, Herbert E. Sargeant, Geo. A. Briggs. ONE TERM—Walter Parker, Arthur N. Reed, Jessie A. Davis, Blanche Packard, Minnie L. Spear, Bessie S. Wild, Irvén Mullet, Jennie Leonard, Daniel E. Holden, Fannie Robinson, Ruth D. Briggs, Winthrop W. Boyd.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS—Florence Bothwell, Alcide Latoune. ONE TERM—Josie Holman, Mamie Kennon, Jesse A. Robinson.

WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Maggie Curry, Mabel L. Austin, Justin E. Rawson, Leon Adams, Lester W. Knight. Two TERMS—Edith C. Adams, Clifford Knight.

JESSE ALLEN, }
L. P. LOVELL, } School
H. P. AUSTIN, } Committee.



